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1. ROWNY/TRUSOV - BELETSKY, A-1621)

MIRV VERIFICATION

IN DISCUSSING VARIOUS "ASSOCIATIONS" INCIDENT TO MIRV VERIFI-  
CATION, TRUSOV COMPLAINED THAT THE US SIDE INSISTED ON USING THE  
WORD "ASSOCIATION." HE SAID THE CONCEPT EMBODIED BY THIS WORD WAS  
NOT PART OF SOVIET THINKING IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. HE  
SAID THAT "WHAT IS, IS" AND THAT IT WAS BETTER TO DEAL WITH REALITY  
THAN WITH CONCEPTS. HE SAID THAT ONE TYPE OF MISSILE HAS ONLY ONE  
TYPE OF LAUNCHER AND THEREFORE THE PROBLEM THE US SIDE RAISED DOES  
NOT EXIST. HE ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES APPEARS TO ASCRIBE  
THE CONCEPT OF UNIVERSALITY TO SOVIET SYSTEMS WHEREAS NO SUCH  
UNIVERSALITY EXISTS.

TRUSOV SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE  
LAUNCHERS AT D AND P. BUT NOW THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED A  
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AT THESE COMPLEXES, HE ADDED, THE UNITED

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STATES IS TRYING TO SHY AWAY FROM IT. D AND P WAS ONLY AN EXAMPLE  
OF THE GENERAL PROBLEM STEMMING FROM THE DIFFERING APPROACHES WE  
HAVE TO MIRV VERIFICATION, ROWNY SAID -- THE SOVIETS HAD TOLD US  
THAT THERE WERE TWO TYPES OF LAUNCHERS AT THESE COMPLEXES, WHEREAS  
WE "SAW" ONLY ONE TYPE. TRUSOV SAID HE AGREED THAT THERE WERE  
MIRVED AND UN-MIRVED MISSILES AT D AND P AND THAT THE SOVIET SIDE  
HAD PROVIDED US WITH NUMBERS OF LAUNCHERS OF EACH TYPE AT THESE

COMPLEXES. HE SAID THE SOVIETS ALSO AGREED THAT THERE WERE MIRVED AND UN-MIRVED LAUNCHERS AT MALMSTROM BUT THAT WE WERE NOT FORTH-COMING WITH THE SPECIFIC NUMBERS FOR EACH TYPE.

ROWNY TOLD TRUSOV THAT THE PROBLEMS OF MALMSTROM AND D AND P WERE NOT THE SAME AND THAT THEREFORE THE NUMBERS OF LAUNCHERS OF DIFFERENT TYPES AT MALMSTROM WAS IRRELEVANT. IN FACT, ORWNY ADDED, OUR DISCUSSION OF THESE EXAMPLES HELPED TO POINT UP THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US. ON THE ONE HAND THEY STATED THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH VERIFICATION AT MALMSTROM WHEREAS ON THE OTHER HAND WE HAD PROBLEMS WITH D AND P. THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT WE COULD WELL HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.

TRUSOV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS TOO HAD PROBLEMS OF VERIFICATION AT MALMSTROM BUT DID NOT LET DIFFICULTIES OF THIS TYPE STAND IN THEIR WAY IN TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD ADOPT THE SAME APPROACH TOWARD D AND P. EARLE

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